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1. FOLLOWING IS AN UPDATED RESPONSE TO REFTEL A.
ORIGINAL SOURCES FOR EACH SET OF DATA ARE INDICATED,
HOWEVER, MOST RECENT FIGURES ARE USUALLY FROM ECONOMIC
PRESS, AND CONSEQUENTLY THEY ARE UNOFFICIAL AND
PROVISIONAL. ALL MONEY VALUES ARE IN TURKISH LIRA EXCEPT
FOR FOREIGN TRADE AND BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FIGURES, WHICH
ARE IN U.S. DOLLARS. EXCHANGE RATES USED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

U.S. \$1.00 EQUALS TL

10/27/76 TO 2/28/77 EQUALS 16.50 3/1/77 TO 9/20/77 EQUALS 17.50 9/21/77 TO 2/28/78 EQUALS 19.25 3/1/78 TO PRESENT EQUALS 25.00

2. OUTPUT AND DEMAND UNCLASSIFIED

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A. OUTPUT OF IMPORTANT PRODUCTS:

1977

ARTIFICIAL FERTILIZER

(THOUSAND TONS) 2,736.2 #
CEMENT (THOUSAND TONS) 13,830.0
ELECTRICITY (MILLION KWH) 20,475.0

CRUDE PETROLEUM (THOUSAND TONS) 2,713.0

PACKED TOBACCO (TONS) 3,000.0 #

COTTON FABRICS (THOUSAND METERS) 1,300,000.0 #

(#) ESTIMATE

SOURCE: 1978 ANNUAL PROGRAM

3. PRICE INDICES:

A. NO NATIONAL CPI IS PUBLISHED. THE FOLLOWING IS THE MONTHLY COST OF LIVING INDEX SERIES FOR ANKARA (BASE YEAR - 1963):

1978 FEBRUARY: 592.4 SOURCE: EBA NEWSLETTER

B. GENERAL WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX

(1963 EQUALS 100)

1978 MARCH: 664.6 SOURCE: EBA NEWSLETTER

4. MONEY SUPPLY:

A. M2 (CURRENCY IN CIRCULATION PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS

IN TL BILLIONS):

DECEMBER: 209.3 (ESTIMATE)

SOURCE: CENTRAL BANK ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1977.

B. SINCE APRIL 22, 1978, INTEREST RATES FOR ALL LOANS TO SMALL BUSINESSMEN ARE 10.5 PERCENT, WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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IS THE SUM OF THE REDISCOUNT RATE (8 PERCENT), TAXES (2 PERCENT), AND PROFITS (0.5 PERCENT). THE NEW RATE IS THE SAME AS HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR SHORT-TERM SMALL BUSINESS LOANS SINCE 1974, BUT IS A DECREASE FROM RATES CHARGED ON MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM SMALL BUSINESS LOANS SINCE 1974 (12.5 PERCENT AND NEGOTIABLE, RESPECTIVELY). SOURCE: CENTRAL BANK NOTICE IN FEDERAL REGISTER AND PEOPLE'S BANK.

5. TRADE AND PAYMENTS

A. VALUE OF EXPORTS (FOB, \$U.S. MILLIONS):

1978: MARCH 159.1

B. VALUE OF IMPORTS

1978: MARCH 283.0

C. WORKERS' REMITTANCES (\$U.S. MILLIONS):

JANUARY 42.4 (REVISED)

FEBRUARY 43.4

MARCH 53.0

D. CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE

(\$U.S. MISSIONS):

JANUARY - MARCH, 1978 350.0 DEFICIT

E. OFFICIAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND GOLD

RESERVES (\$U.S. MILLIONS):

APRIL 21, 1978 622.5 MILLION

F. EXTERNAL DEBT INTEREST PAYMENTS

(\$U.S. MILLIONS):

1977 (ESTIMATE) 317.0 (REVISED)

G. EXTERNAL DEBT REPAYMENT

(\$U.S. MILLIONS)

1977 (ESTIMATE) 214.0 (REVISED)

SOURCE: EBA NEWSLETTER; OTHERS: 1978 ANNUAL

PROGRAM, STATE INSTITUTE OF STATISTICS, CENTRAL BANK,

MINISTRY OF FINANCE. SPIERS

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